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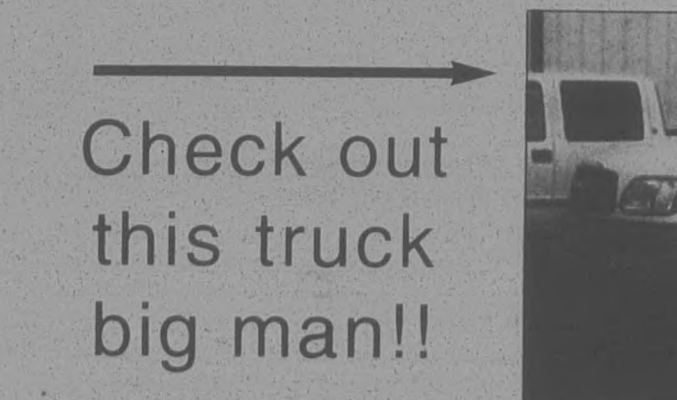
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Governor promotes constitutional convention in Enterprise appearance

Alabama Governor Don Siegelman made another visit to Coffee County last Wednesday afternoon when he toured the Rucker Boulevard Elementary School in Enterprise.

During the visit he pointed out the state's progress in education during his first term of office. He also urged all who would listen to support his plan for constitutional reform, presently pending in the Alabama legislature.

Higher test scores and fewer high school dropouts among Alabama school students are something to be proud of, the governor said.

He also reported to the citizens in the school library that Alabama has a school grading program that is the envy of the nation, with many states sending their experts to Alabama to learn "how it is done."

The governor reminded the assembled group of his successful fight against another year of prorotation and efforts to raise additional revenue by taxing large cooperations, who are presently paying little or no

state income taxes, rather than the individual taxpayer.

Siegelman reported to the assembled school and civic leaders that he had appeared before a legislative hearing that morning urging them to pass his plan and allow the people of Alabama to decide if they wanted to call a constitutional convention to completely rewrite the 1901 Alabama constitution.

The governor claimed that opponents who claimed that the plan to rewrite the constitution is a plot to take God out of the constitution and/or to ban the private ownership of guns.

He also noted that his plan

He assured the group that God is safe and the second amendment of the U. S. Constitution still protects an individual's right to bear arms.

Siegelman also scoffed at opponents who didn't want "Bubba" writing the new constitution. "I want the Bubbas, Juniors, Shorties, Sara Janes and other good Alabama citizens involved in any rewrite of our constitution. My plan will not allow public office holders, lobbyists (both past and present) to be within thirty feet of the convention site."

He also noted that his plan

required that a constitution convention will be held outside the state capital of Montgomery and all proceedings will be open to the public.

A crying need for constitutional reform is the continuing ups and downs in funding education, said the governor. He said he felt a constitution could be written to assure Alabama's children of a quality, fully funded education every year.

Siegelman left that meeting to go to Abbeville for another of his question and answer sessions being held throughout the state over a several week period.



Alabama Governor Don Siegelman visits with students at Rucker Boulevard Elementary School last Wednesday afternoon following a tour of the school and an appeal for support of his plan for rewriting the 1901 Alabama Constitution.

Sheriff's department searching for robbery suspects

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Sheriff's Department found itself last Tuesday evening, Mar. 12, faced with the task of investigating a robbery which occurred north of Elba.

Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates said the robbery occurred at approximately 8:30 p.m. last Tuesday evening at a

residence on Alabama Highway 87 north of Elba.

He said the victim proceeded to answer the door after hearing a knock. Upon answering the door, Moates said the victim found two black males asking to use the telephone because of a flat tire to their vehicle.

He said the victim indicated that the men, at that point, forced their way into his home where

he was then forced to the floor and tied up by the suspects with an extension cord.

Although Moates said the victim never saw a gun, he did say that the suspects indicated they had a gun, threatened to kill the victim and placed a cold metal object to the back of his head while he was on the floor.

Moates said the suspects asked for the victim's wallet and guns, and he said they took a 12 gauge Mossberg pump shotgun, a Sears brand 12 gauge pump shotgun, a Marlin .22 caliber rifle with scope, a Nokia cellular telephone, a Panasonic VCR and U.S. currency. The estimated total value of the items taken was \$1,050.

Moates said the victim was overcome with fear by the incident and was unable to give officers a clothing description of the suspects; however, he said he believed both suspects to be in their mid-20s. He said one of the suspects appeared to be approximately five foot, seven inches tall and the other approximately five foot, two inches tall. The victim said one of the suspects was wearing a gold color half moon earring. Also, the sheriff said the suspects were believed to be traveling on an older model dark colored Chevrolet Caprice.

The investigation into this incident is continuing at this time, and Moates said anyone with information regarding this robbery should call the Coffee County Sheriff's Department or their local law enforcement agency.

County BOE holds routine meeting

The members of the Coffee County Board of Education found the regular monthly meeting Thursday, March 7, to be rather routine.

The board entertained a request from the Zion Chapel High School Band for out-of-state travel.

Michael Bird, band director, said the current members of the band have not had an opportunity to take an out-of-state trip, and he said he would like for the board to approve a trip for the band members to Six Flags in Atlanta, Ga.

Bird said the last out-of-state trip taken by the Zion Chapel band members was in 1996 when the members went to Panama City, Fla. He said this trip to Six Flags will serve as a reward trip for those who pay to go.

"Three years ago when I came here (Zion Chapel), the band had 23 members," Bird said. "Now there are 40 members in the high

school group and 53 totally."

Bird said the expense of the trip will be paid solely by the students, and the group will use charter buses. The board approved the trip by a unanimous vote.

The next matter on the agenda also involved the Zion Chapel School as the bid was approved for the fencing of the ball field currently being constructed on the Zion Chapel campus.

Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram said the low bid was received from American Imperial Fence of Ozark in the amount of \$20,801.46, and she recommended the board accept this low bid.

Board member Rubin McKinnon made a motion with a second from board member Annette Grossold to accept the bid from American Imperial Fence of Ozark. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

The board's next meeting will be Thursday, April 4, at 6:30 p.m.

Veterans memorabilia sought for display in Elba

A display of veterans memorabilia will be dedicated and exhibited to the public for the first time on Memorial Day in May, 2002. The exhibit will be housed at National Security Insurance Company's Conference Center, adjacent to Veterans Memorial Park, on Highway 84, east of Elba.

Included in the afternoon ceremony on Monday, May 27th, will be the dedication of a UH-1 "Huey" helicopter display, a performance by the 98th Army Band's "Silver Wings", and an address by U.S. Congressman Terry Everett.

Numerous items have already been donated for display in the museum, representing WWI, WWII, Vietnam, and Operation Desert Storm. Items include a World War I draft notice, uniform, and photographs, World War II medals, a Navy officer's jacket, Vietnam era Gold Star banner and Purple Heart, Vietnam shrapnel, boots, and leaflets dropped into enemy territory to demoralize troops. A number of area families have been very generous in sharing the personal effects of their loved ones who served, and additional donations are being accepted from veterans or their families to be included in the Dedication Ceremony.

Each veteran's name will be

prominently displayed along with his or her memorabilia, as will the names of the donating family members. In addition, the veterans and/or family members will be recognized and honored at the May 27th Ceremony. With each family's permission, the memorabilia will be digitally catalogued with photographs available for viewing at the Veterans Memorial Park section of The National Security Group's website.

HYPERLINK "http://www.nationalsecuritygroup.com" www.nationalsecuritygroup.com. This unique feature will enable descendants

to view the memorabilia via the internet at anytime, regardless of their location. Many families have valuable and historic military effects "boxed up" in the attic, unavailable for viewing even by children and grandchildren. National Security has offered its Conference Center as a location to house this display so these items may be preserved and shared with present and future generations.

Anyone wishing to donate memorabilia for exhibition should contact Jack E. Brunson at National Security in Elba, phone 334-897-2273 Extension 212, or 1-800-239-2358.



Many items of memorabilia have already been donated.

NOTICE

The administration of the Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home announced this week that the visitor restriction has been lifted; therefore, routine visiting of the residents is permitted.

The administration and staff of the hospital and nursing home thank the people of the community for their cooperation.

Area Happenings

COMMISSION MEETING: The Coffee County Commission will hold its regular bi-monthly meeting Monday, Mar. 25, at 9 a.m. in the community room at the county complex in New Brockton.

COMMUNITY SUNRISE SERVICE: The Men's Ministry of Westside Baptist Church will host the annual community-wide Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, March 31, at 6 a.m. with Rev. Kenneth Harrison, interim pastor of Westside, giving the message. Following the Sunrise Service the men of Westside will serve breakfast in the Activities Building.

EHS BAND DAY: The Elba High School Band Boosters will hold its annual Band Day on Saturday, April 6, in downtown Elba. Band Day is an event held to raise money which goes to supplement the music program at Elba High School and to fund activities for the band.

CHURCH NEWS

First Baptist Church of Enterprise to host On Mission Celebration Fair and Rally

First Baptist Church of Enterprise will host an On Mission Celebration Fair and Rally on Saturday, April 13. The fair begins at 4:30 p.m. The rally will begin at 7:00 p.m.

On Mission Celebration youth rally to be held at Ino Baptist Church

On April 12 an On Mission Celebration youth rally is planned for all the youth of the county and will be held at Ino Baptist Church. The rally will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunrise Service to be held at Westside

The Men's Ministry of Westside Baptist Church will host their annual community-wide Easter Sunrise Service. The worship time will begin at 6:00 a.m., March 31, with Rev. Kenneth Harrison, interim pastor of Westside, giving the message. The music will be provided by Westside Baptist Church. Following the Sunrise Service, the men of Westside will serve breakfast in the Activities Building. Everyone is invited to attend.

Easter

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT? A Service of the Elba Church of Christ

Did Methuselah really live to be 969 years old before he died?

N.S. Elba
"And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah: and Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him. And Methuselah lived an hundred eighty and seven years, and begat Lamech: And Methuselah lived after he begat Lamech seven hundred eighty and two years, and begat sons and daughters: And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred and sixty and nine years, and he died" (Genesis 5:21-27).

The Bible clearly states that Methuselah lived to be 969 years old before he died. If the Bible is, as it claims to be (2 Timothy 3:16-17), the word of God, then Methuselah did live 969 years before he died. For the sum of God's word is truth (Psalm 119:160). The sum, not some, of God's word is truth, therefore, if Methuselah did not live to be 969 years old, then God's word is a lie. So, how can it be that a man lived to be 969 years old, when around the world it is seen as a great accomplishment for a man to live 100 years? Two explanations are usually given to try to discredit the fact that Methuselah lived to be 969 years old. The first one is that the years stated in Genesis 5 are not referring to years as our standard of time is, but most likely only to months. If this supposition is true, then some of the men mentioned in Genesis 5 would have been begetting children at the age of 5 years or so. The second explanation to try to discredit the amount of years man is said to have lived in Genesis 5 is that there must be generation gaps in the amount of time that is recorded. But as it is recorded in Jude 14, Enoch, the father of Methuselah, is the seventh from Adam, which means that there is no generation gaps in Genesis 5. Methuselah really did live to be 969 years old before he died. It is most likely that man was able to live his long due to the climate conditions of the world before the flood. For after the flood, as it is recorded in Genesis 11, men begin to live shorter amount of times on the earth.

Jimmy Simmons

If you would like to submit a question for consideration to be used in this column, please send it to: "Questions and Answers," c/o Elba Church of Christ, P.O. Box 269, Elba, AL 36523. We invite everyone to attend the services of the Elba Church of Christ. Please call 897-2057 for times of services.

ROUND & ABOUT WITH ERIA

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Scripture: Revelation 21:1-27

***Thinking of you, praying for you: Ocie Phillips, Julia Phillips, Alice Blue, Pearl Culver, Willie Culver, Ray Culores, Velma Coleman, Lela Pearl Tyson, Homer C. Coleman, Shakespeare Families, Jessica Pearson, Alex Smedley, The Medley family, Lovie Hooks and Rev. Henry Ewing, Jr.

***Annual Matron and Missionary Day: Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Sunday, March 24, 2002 at 2:30 p.m., Rucker Blvd., Enterprise, Ala. The guest speaker will be Rev. June Henry Williams, Friendship M.B. Church in Enterprise, Ala.

***Annual Family and Friends Day will be held at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Elba, Ala. on March 24, 2002 at 2:30 p.m.

Westside Baptist Church will hold an Easter Celebration for children March 30

On Saturday, March 30, 2002 there will be an Easter celebration for children in preschool through sixth grade. It will begin at 1:00 p.m. and last until 3:00 p.m.

Elba Church of God is sponsoring Royal Rangers

Royal Rangers is the Ultimate in Adventure in Friendship, Camping, Sports, Bible Study, Hiking, Crafts, Devotions, etc. The Elba Church of God invites all boys ages 5 through 17 to join the Royal Rangers. Meetings are on Wednesday Evening at 6:00 PM The Elba Church of God is across from Dorsey Teniers.

For more information, contact: Roy Stallard and the Commander is Greg Williams. Commander Williams has been involved in the Rangers for ten years. He is looking forward to many fun times. Their motto is: Reaching, and Teaching, all boys for Christ.

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PASTOR'S CORNER

By W.K. Ellison
Harris Temple C.O.G.I.C.

Infirmities.....

Infirmity can be defined as spiritual, physical, or moral weakness. It is a disability of one kind or another. Weakness is defined as having a little energy or strength, easily broken or having inadequate skills. This definition suggests that one is not energy-less or strengthless but on the other hand, one does not have an adequate supply of energy or strength to meet the demands of the world.

SPRITUAL INFIRMITIES
Luke 13:11-12 (Expanded Edition) states, "And behold, there was a woman who for eighteen years had a sickness caused by a spirit, and she was bent double, and could not straighten up at all. And when Jesus saw her, He called her over and said to her, 'Woman, you are freed from your sickness.' One can see that sickness (Phantom sickness) was caused by a spirit which caused the woman's body to respond to what the spirit dictated to her. The spirit attacked the support for the body (spinal column) making it appear weak, resulting in her being bent over double for eighteen years. How many of us are under similar spiritual attacks. Spirits of weakness bearing resemblance of actual physical conditions have been sent by the enemy to cause us to bend over, strengthless unable to lift up ourselves to the next spiritual level in God. Spiritual infirmities operate in the disguise of conditions appearing real.

Spiritual infirmities cause spiritual setbacks. Paul expressed it in these words: "When I would do good evil is always present." Spiritual infirmities cause upon the wrong use of the gifts, how have we been overtaken, what do others think of us, etc. This only leaves us bent over unable to lift up ourselves.

PHYSICAL INFIRMITIES
John Chapter 5, speaks of a paralytic (physical infirmity) man lying at the pool called Bethesda for thirty-eight years, who had no one to help him step into the pool after the stirring of the water by an angel who came down at a certain season. This infirmity differs greatly from the spiritual mentioned above. The Bible does not give any background information as to how this man became paralyzed, but it is noted in verse 5 as an infirmity, and not a spirit of infirmity.

Many times our body suffers physical conditions, whether they are hereditary, self-inflicted or even circumstantial, that renders us weak with a little strength or energy to do the things needed. If they persist, our mental or spiritual capacities can be overcome by our physical infirmity. In other words, what was physical is now mental (spiritual) as well as physical. The acceptance of these infirmities can affect our will to be healed, delivered, or even to live. Remember the enemy wants you to be WEAK!

MORAL INFIRMITIES
Romans 6:19, "I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh; for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity, even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness."

We all suffer with some type of infirmity, whether it be physical or moral. But the solution to all is in Jesus Christ. We have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feelings of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, where we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. "If we would but acknowledge our weakness, we have access to the throne of God to obtain grace and mercy in our time of need."

Matthew 8:16-17, "When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils; and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses." Our help is in Jesus and His word. We must speak the Word of God over our weaknesses and be healed. For Jesus has already taken our infirmities to Calvary's Cross so that we can be made strong.

Why don't you go before the throne of grace right now. Confess your weaknesses to God. Speak the word of life over your life and be healed by the blood that Jesus has already shed for your deliverance. Repeat the process daily until you know you are delivered.

THE SOLUTION
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COMMUNITY

Weed School Reunion set for last Saturday in April

The Weed School Reunion will be held on the last Saturday of April 2002 at the Fellowship Hall at Weed Baptist's Church on the Old Tree North Road, Brantley, Ala. Registration begins at 10:30, lunch at 12:00.

Deadline for Free Poetry Contest is April 15

The Texas Poetry Alliance is offering a \$1,000.00 grand prize in their annual spiritual poetry contest open to the public. There is no entry fee and everyone is invited to submit a poem. To enter, send one poem 20 lines or less to: Free Poetry Contest, 3412-A Moonlight Ave., El Paso, Texas 79904. Or enter online at www.freecontest.com. The deadline for entering is April 15.

Coffee County NAACP Executive Board to meet March 23

The NAACP Coffee County Branch #5017, monthly Executive Board will meet March 23, 2002 at 9:30 a.m. and the monthly meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. at Johns Chapel AME, Enterprise, Ala. For more information call (334)393-6747 or (334)308-9829.

Mayfest 2002 planned for May 4th in Atmore

Mayfest 2002, a celebration of spring at Tom Byrne Park in Atmore, Alabama on Saturday, May 4. Events for the day include a traditional Maypole Dance, arts and crafts show, entertainment at the Gazebo Stage, and the Mayfest Beautiful Baby Contest. Williams Station train ride, a children's carnival, petting zoo, pony rides and other activities will delight children of all ages. Festival hours are from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. admission is free. For more information contact Emilie Mims, Atmore Chamber of Commerce, at 251-368-3305.

ELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

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Second Grade:

Tamera Brooks, Elisa Dewberry, William Hooks, Chace Sauls, Emily Allen, Kayla Lewis, Selma Stokes, Kiara White, Chelsea Ogburn, Alex Beerenstrauch, Meagan Coleman, Taylor Ellis, Cordeshia Hooks, Connor Kelley, Jaron Kelley, Tiffany Bradshaw, Aaliyah Horstead, Gunnar McCollough, Seth Thomas, Kerra Tyson, Shannon Hanchee, Kei-Auna Edwards, Gaby Olea, Bo Wiggins and Karizmah Yelverton.

Third Grade:

Cameron Johnson, Kayla Johnson, Bethany Wilson, Haley Bryan, Kendall Cole, Kristin Kelley, Shabruan Robinson, Jesse Stokes, William Petty, Daniel Bannin, Branson

Fourth Grade:

Carpenier, Jamie Griggs, Sage Kelley, Brooke Weeks, Jacquetta Whitfield, Tyler Anderson, Michael Laxeter, Devin Holloway, J. Quentin Truitt, Austin Money, Sarah Bane, Jake Carnely, Adora Goosby, Chris Parrish, Donta Rodgers, Tyvonne Smith, Jordan Williams and Harlegh Wood.

Fifth Grade:

Andrew Head, Drew Ellis, Jordan McBride, Cortlin Lee, Michael Jackson, Meredith Branson, Cody Sasser, Bradley Wilson and Dylan McCollough.

Sixth Grade:

Trey Martin and Ashley Carpenter.

Seventh Grade:

Brooke Adcock, Thomas Cole, Jeon Orr, Victor Riley, Casey Senn, Scotty Stokes, Carey Shiver, Amanda Wilson, Brianna Jackson, Bailey Daugherty, Waylon Craighead, Cormenda McGhee, Isabel

Eighth Grade:

Megan Anderson, Matthew Brunson, Justin Pike, Kandace Smith, Tierney Starks, Justin Hammonds, Bobby Hudson, Yousha Terry, Cordel Hooks, Kayla Miller, Reata Anderson, Matthew Gibson, Aaron Harrison, Martin McCormick, Austin Parrish, Brittany Phillips and Don Rhoades.

Ninth Grade:

Shady Grove Ake, Rev. F. L. Flowers, Pastor Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service, 7:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Tenth Grade:

Wootten Chapel Assembly of God Church, Rev. Alfred Inzer, Pastor Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service, 7:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Eleventh Grade:

Zion Chapel Baptist Church, Jimmy Maddox, Pastor Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Mon. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service, 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Twelfth Grade:

Zion Community Church, Sabbath School, 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship, 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service, 7:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.



Felicity Sanders

Felicity Sanders celebrates 3rd birthday

Felicity Judson Sanders celebrated her 3rd birthday Saturday, March 16 at the Kids Zone Playground in Ozark. Many of her family and friends attended this celebration. Felicity is the daughter of Jana and David Graves of Arizon. Chris Sanders of Andalusia. She is the granddaughter of Janet and Greg Brunson of Elba, Joe and Kathy Simmons of New Brockton, and Mrs. Harold Sanders of Wetumpka and Rex and Georgianna Graves of Arizon. Great-grandparents are Billie and Dexter Andrews of New Brockton and Mrs. Sallie L. Wilson of Enterprise.

A. J. Davis to represent Coffee County in 75th annual Alabama Spelling Bee Championship

A.J. Davis of Kinston will represent Coffee County in the 75th annual Alabama Spelling Bee Championship on Saturday, March 23, at the Harbert Center in Birmingham. A.J., a 14-year-old 8th grader at Kinston High School, is one of 66 county spelling bee winners who will vie for the state title and an all expenses paid trip to Washington D.C. to compete in the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee May 26-31. The Alabama Spelling Bee Championship is sponsored by the Birmingham Post-Herald.

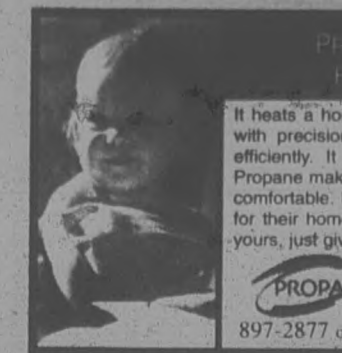
Gubernatorial candidate Bob Riley to speak in Enterprise

The Republican Women of Coffee County invite the public to attend their regular monthly meeting. The featured speaker will be Alabama Congressman friends and neighbors on Friday, March 29, at Po Folks Restaurant at 11:30 a.m. For reservations please call Tracy McCrary at 393-0471.

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Pastor Rev. Lloyd Hughes
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service, 7:00 p.m.
Thurs. Night Service, 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Donnie Marler, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship, 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service, 5:45 a.m.
Wed. Worship, 7:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor
Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship, 10:00 a.m.
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WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH
Bruce Williams, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service, 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet., 6:00 p.m.

WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Kenneth Hagler, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service, 6:00 p.m.
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WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Alfred Bauer, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m.
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MULBERRY HTS. CHURCH OF CHRIST
Rev. B. Williams, Minister
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service, 7:15 p.m.

MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION
Mary Seavey
Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service, 5:00 p.m.
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NEW ABUNDANT LIFE, DEL.
Hilroy & Linda Williams, Ministers
Sunday School, 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Even., 7:00 p.m.
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NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD
Rev. J. E. Wesley, Pastor
Morn. Worship, 9:00 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.
Friday Evening, 7:00 p.m.

NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Wayne Webber
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship, 11:00 a.m.
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NEW BROCKTON METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Ben McKee, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
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Even. Service, 6:00 p.m.
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NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Elmer Smith, Pastor
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NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Deane Domsals
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NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Sam Anding, Pastor
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Coffee County Health Initiative holds kickoff

The Coffee County Health Initiative held its kickoff rally recently. "A New You in 02" is the focus of this program that promotes healthy eating habits and daily exercise. This program is designed to achieve measurable improvement in the health of Coffee County residents through weight management, exercise, and the adoption of healthier lifestyles. Sabrina Kelley, school coordinator, chose two captains from each school to comprise a team of eight. Both teams are made up of faculty at the elementary and high schools. These two teams will exercise and log weekly miles walked or jogged. Mike's Gym has offered to allow members of the community an opportunity to use the gym free of charge on Thursdays from 5:30-7:30 PM. If you have any questions or want to be involved with a team, please contact the Coffee County Extension Office at 894-5506.

The elementary school team members include: Lajana Hutchinson, Sabrina Kelley,

Pam Smith, Marsha Oggs, Nita Stinson, Rebecca Cardwell, Kim Lowrey, and Daphne Cook.

The high school team members include: Robin Spurlin, Leona Siler, Pam Baker, David Collins,

Mandy Collins, Brian Weeks, Mike Williams, and Karen Davis.



Members of the high school team include (from left): Brian Weeks, Robin Spurlin, Mike Williams, Leona Siler, David Collins, Mandy Collins, Pam Baker and Karen Davis (not pictured).

No room for hatred during time of unity

Editorial by Katie Grimes

While driving down Main Street in downtown Dothan, Alabama, I looked up to see a very interesting billboard. This sign displayed a drawing of an unidentified Middle Eastern man (which I can only assume was meant to be a portrayal of Osama Bin Laden) with crosshairs centered over his face.

This disturbing illustration was accompanied by the patriotic phrase "United We Stand." I felt absolute horror at this sight. I was astonished that a phrase so dearly cherished as a symbol of American values could accompany so base an idea. I believe that while Americans should definitely unite, we should not advertise and promote unity through hatred.

Even though many have attempted to describe the sense of loss felt by the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, words often fail to convey the message accurately. As citizens of America, a nation that recognizes so many rights and freedoms of individuals, we have all experienced a common loss. Because of the principles on which our nation was founded,

we fail to understand the motives against such misdeeds and inhumane actions. We have been brutally attacked, and in standing with American tradition, we are ready to retaliate.

Now is the time for us to come together as one nation; we should put aside our petty differences and focus on our common goals: rebuilding what has been destroyed and bringing about justice. I am very proud to see a renewed sense of patriotism shown throughout the nation. As more people begin to support our government, rather than find fault with it, I am encouraged that America will overcome these present obstacles.

While justice must be served, I feel that this is better accomplished through positive enforcement. I like everyone, feel deeply affected and shocked by the actions taken against the United States and am saddened by the immense loss of innocent lives. I am also extremely glad to see that most share these sentiments and are eager to make the necessary amends and lend a helping hand whenever possible. Americans are indeed standing united. However, I regret that hatred would be named the force

BAND DAY BAR-B-QUE

The Elba High School Band Boosters will hold its annual Band Day on Saturday, April 6, in downtown Elba in an effort to raise money to supplement the music program at Elba High School and to fund activities for the band.

Currently, barbecue tickets are being sold by any band member and at Whittman Drugs in Elba. Those who purchase a ticket for a barbecue plate will be able to pick up the plate on Saturday, April 6, between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Elba Senior Citizen's Center.

The barbecue plate ticket is available for \$5.00.

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LBW College hosted an appreciation breakfast for area superintendents, assistant superintendents, high school principals, and counselors in the Memorial Room on the LBW Andalusia Campus. Pictured (L to R) are David Stokes, Coordinator at Elba High School; Danny Weeks, Superintendent of Elba City Schools; and LBW President Seth Hammett.

Elba Band Day pageant set for Friday, April 5

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School and to fund activities for the band.

Several events have been planned as part of the Band Day celebration and will be held prior to April 6. One such event is the annual Band Day Pageant which will be held Friday, April 5, at 6 p.m. in the Elba High School auditorium.

There will be four categories in the pageant including: "Tiny Miss (K-2nd grade); Little Miss (3rd - 5th grade); Jr. Miss (6th-8th grade); and Miss (9th-12th grade). Those entered in the Tiny Miss and Little Miss categories will be asked to wear a Sunday dress for the pageant, and those entered in

the Jr. Miss and Miss categories will be asked to wear a formal dress.

Entries forms and fees must be turned in at the school by Wednesday, April 3. A practice session will be held at the high school auditorium Thursday, April 4, at 6 p.m.

For more information, call Melinda Lee at 897-2687 after 6 p.m.

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Tiger Tales

Editor: Katie Grimes

EES Faculty Spotlight

by Kristy Ward

This week's faculty spotlight features Ms. Kayla Phillips. Mrs. Phillips attended Elba High School and is currently attending Troy State University to achieve her Master's degree in elementary education. She has now been teaching the third grade at Elba Elementary for two years.

Mrs. Phillips enjoys shopping and talking on the phone. Her father, Frank Phillips, and Mrs. Donna Clark inspired her to become a teacher.

If she could no longer teach, she would like to be a dentist.



Kayla Phillips

EES Faculty Spotlight

by Kristy Ward

The second teacher in this week's spotlight is Mrs. Marcia Ballah. Mrs. Ballah is a teacher's aide.

Mrs. Ballah attended Plymouth High School in Plymouth, Michigan and moved to Elba three years ago. She

was formerly an aide for nine years for mainstreamed physically impaired children in Pinellas County, Florida.

This is Mrs. Ballah's fourth year teaching at Elba Elementary. She is married and has two boys.

Above, she is pictured with Zack Hudson.

The "ladies" of EHS gear up for Ms. Spring Break pageant

by Gavin Mauldin

It's almost time for spring break, and everyone knows what that means: the Miss Spring Break pageant. This

pageant, sponsored by the journalism staff, is an Elba High School tradition that is now in its 12th year. The pageant will feature 14 beautiful entries.

The "ladies" will be Elba High School senior boys cleverly disguised and dolled-up as their female counterparts. The pageant will be held Friday, March 22 at 1:30 PM in the EHS gym. Admission is \$1.

The local rock band Maleshift, which consists of four Elba High senior boys, will perform while the judges make their crucial decision. The journalism staff hopes to see all stu-

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SCHOOLS

FBLA members bring home the gold from south region competition

by Perry Cauthen

Greenville High School hosted the South Region Competition on March 9 for the Future Business Leaders of America. Zion Chapel entered 20 Senior Level and Middle Level events and won 13. Those who won at Senior Level are now eligible to compete at the State Competition on April 11-12 at the Birmingham Jefferson Civic Center in Birmingham, Alabama.

Among the competitors were Kassey Rhodes, who competed and won in Accounting II. Ashley Wambles competed in Accounting I. Jason Danley won in Business Law. Jonah Edmondson competed and won in Computer Concepts. Amanda Perry competed in Business Communications. Ashley Wallace and Jeremy Hoopes won in Desktop Publishing. Perry Cauthen, Brandon Arnold, Sam Wambles, and Donovan Kelley competed as a team and won in Entrepreneurship. Roy King competed and won in FBLA Principles and Procedures. Heather Golden competed in Job Interview. Jessica Flowers won in Future Business Leader. Shannon Allen won in Introduction to Business Communications. Nicole Brown competed in Word Processing I and Anna Miller competed in Word Processing II. Both Nicole and Anna went to the second round of competition in this contest. The first

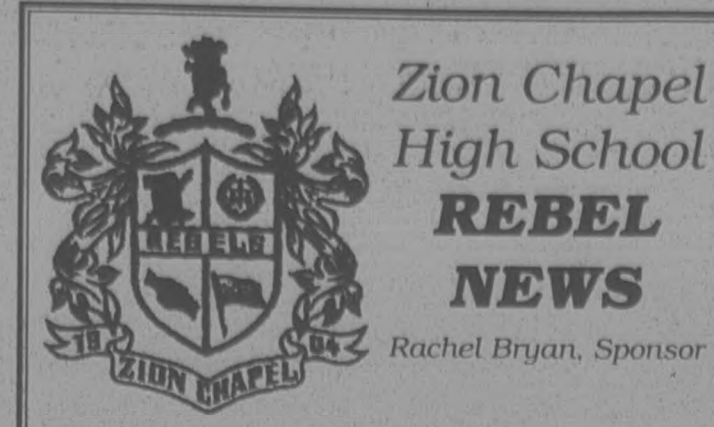
round is a written test and the second round is a production test. Allan Harrison won in Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure. Kristen McLendon, Jeremy Sanders, Meta Gatlin, Michael Sneed, Jason Sanders, and Katy Paez all won as a team in Parliamentary Procedure.

added to the victories by winning in three categories. Lindsay Leverett, Rosanna Johnson, Christina McWaters, Lashonda Cole, and Shawn Ellis won gold medals in the Officer Installation Ceremony Competition. Donna Flowers, Keri Flowers, and Lara Lea Beasley won silver medals in the FBLA Challenge. DJ Bryan.

Zion Chapel's Middle Level



Competition winners include: (seated, l to r) Ashley Wallace, Roy King and Jessica Flowers; (standing, l to r) Jonah Edmondson, Jason Danley, Jeremy Hoopes, Allan Harrison and Shannon Allen. Kasey Rhodes, also a winner, was absent.



ZC softball ready to hit the field

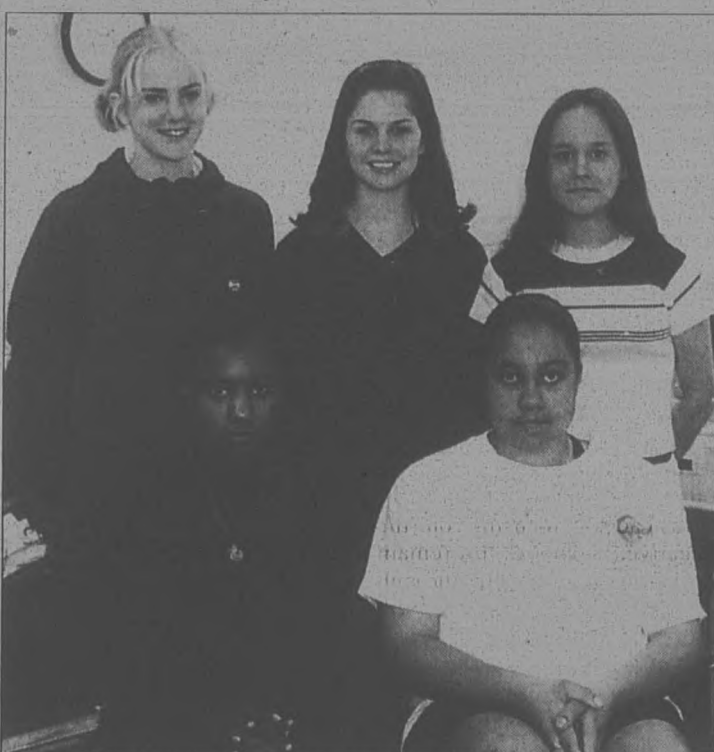
by Brandon Arnold and Sam Wambles

The Zion Chapel Varsity Softball team looks to be very competitive every time they hit the field this season. Coach Shasta Arnett will take over the coaching duties for the Lady Rebels. Here is some comments from Coach Arnett.

"We have twelve returning players and seven are returning starters. Our team is young with only two seniors, but we do have girls with softball experience. That is going to help us this year. In past years our main problem has been our hitting. In order for us to win ball games we have to be able to hit the ball. We have been hitting a lot better in practices and games so far. The girls know that hitting will be the difference in winning and losing this season. Last year we

won more games than in previous years. This year we expect to have a winning season. The girls are excited about the season and are ready to play. I have tried to build a team that has spirit and pride. These girls know that teamwork is a key in winning and whether they are on the bench or on the field they support each other. This is a close-knit team that is ready to win. I expect good things to come from these girls."

The 2002 Zion Chapel Softball team members are: Megan Legge, Melissa Taylor, Bertha Scott, Tracy Banks, Angie Rushing, Joyce Granham, Anna Miller, Kim Rayburn, Keri Senn, Kenna Roberts, Lindsay Leverett, Keri Hobbs, Haley Wambles, Morgan Milley, Heather Reeves, Erica Lewis, and Jennifer Taylor.



Members of the FBLA gold medal winning Officer Installation Ceremony team include Lashonda Cole, Shawn Ellis, Lindsey Leverett, Rosanna Johnson and Christina McWaters.



FBLA Silver medal winners in the Chapter PowerPoint Presentation were Chris Fuller and D.J. Stinson (both seated); and silver medal winners in the FBLA Challenge were Keri Flowers, Lara Lea Beasley and Donna Flowers (all standing).

Troy State "Sound of the South" sets audition dates for auxiliary members

The "Sound of the South" Marching Band at Troy State University has planned auditions for auxiliary members for April 19-20, according to Ralph Ford, Director of Bands.

The band will audition members for majorettes, feature twirlers, drum line, dance line and color guard. Contestants may audition for more than one group. The auditions are required for returning members of these groups as well as new members.

Cost for auditioning for each ensemble is \$10. Registration begins at 6 p.m. Friday, April 19, at John M. Long Hall Band Room for drum line and color guard. Rehearsal will continue

Saturday morning beginning at 8 a.m.

For majorettes, feature twirlers and dance line, registration starts Saturday, April 20 at Long Hall.

To find out specific auditioning information regarding each corps, call (334) 670-3281 or visit the band's web site at www.tsu music.org.

"This program has received a tremendous amount of support, in southeast Alabama and across the nation," Dr. Hawkins said. "There is a wonderful spirit surrounding the formation of this rodeo team, and I am looking forward to the day when the Trojan Rodeo Team competes for the national championship."

Dr. Hawkins added that the popularity of rodeo and equestrian events in southeast Alabama makes it a natural collegiate sport for TSU. "This program is born of a real demand from potential

Troy State announces formation of intercollegiate rodeo team

Troy State University officials formally announced last week that the University will field an intercollegiate rodeo team beginning fall semester 2002.

Dr. Jack Hawkins Jr., Chancellor of The Troy State University System, made the announcement at the 45th annual Southeastern Livestock Exposition Rodeo at Garrett Coliseum. Joining Chancellor Hawkins in the announcement ceremony were Mr. Johnny Williams, Director of Athletics; Dr. Jean Laliberte, Vice President for Institutional Advancement; Dr. Don Hines, team adviser; Dr. Woody Bartlett, President of the Southeastern Livestock Exposition Rodeo; Dr. Billy Powell of the Alabama Cattlemen's Association and Mr. Mike Griffin of the Pike County Cattlemen's Association.

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Several ZC students read to middle school classes as part of "Read Across America"

by Perry Cauthen

Students who were nominated by their peers and teachers presented educational reading material to the members of the Middle School student body. The program was called "Read Across America," and was held in conjunction with Dr. Suess's Birthday, which was March 2. Students were asked to read a selected speech to sixth and seventh grade students for history class.

Students who were selected were: Junior Ashley Wambles, read Martin Luther King's speech, "I Have A Dream"; Sophomore Lee Boutwell read John F. Kennedy's Inaugural Address; Freshman Shannon Allen read John F. Kennedy's Inaugural Address; and, Freshman Nicole Brown read the Gettysburg Address.

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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Not that many years ago I would load the girls up on the week-ends and head out to a ball field to pitch them balls and hit them grounders and flies until they were too tired to move. Well, all that has certainly changed, because last weekend we headed out and this time Dad had to hide behind a screen and use a pitching machine to avoid getting killed as the girls took their turns at bat. I did hit the balls back to them after the bucket was empty. However, this time it was Dad that was the first one to call it quits after only two hours of work. It is great the girls are filled with energy, because now they have to carry the balls and bats off the field when we get through.

SWINGS AND MISSES....

*** The Elba Tigers claimed three big wins last week to up their record to 5-1 and appear to have momentum on their side heading into the upcoming spring break and then into the area schedule. The Tigers handed county-rival Zion Chapel its first loss of the season early in the week, then disposed of Arton and Samson to run their winning streak to four games. Elba's gloves continued to struggle at times in all three wins, but the Tigers' bats were red hot as they scored a total of 34 runs in the three games to light up the scoreboard. After six games it looks like the Tigers have the pitching and hitting to play with anybody on the schedule, and if they can tighten up on the defensive side, a big season may very well be on the way. The Elba junior varsity entered the week with an 0-1 slate and fell to 0-2 after a big loss to Zion Chapel, but the Elba youngsters turned things around late and defeated Arton and Samson to even their record at 2-2. The Tiger JV team got off to a late start and ran into some teams that were in mid-season form, but after it got a few games under its belt began to settle down and managed to post two big wins. Now that the weather has begun to warm up it looks like the Tigers and JV Tigers are also heating up and on the prowl for more wins.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers suffered two lopsided losses last week to fall to 0-3 on the young season and just can't seem to catch a break as they continue their trek into the world of fast-pitch softball. In last week's losses, the Lady Tigers struggled both at the plate and in the field, and the results were very predictable. Eighth-grade pitcher Stephanie Baxley did look good in relief in both outings and will have to help carry the load, while Hannah Martin, the Lady Tigers' early pitcher, will be back after the spring break and hopefully will give the Lady Tigers a solid 1-2 rotation on the mound. The key will be the pitching. However, until the Lady Tigers can stop making errors and start hitting the ball consistently, the wins will continue to be hard to find. The Lady Tiger JV lost its only game of the week to fall to 2-2, and like their counterparts, made far too many mistakes to win. These youngsters have proven they can compete against the teams on their schedule, but must get better every time they hit the field if they hope to add to their win totals. The Elba girls will get a break next week with spring vacation, and maybe the break will give the girls a chance to rest up and they will come back with a renewed spirit and determination as they get into the meat of their schedule.

*** The Elba golf team is off and running again this season and last week won a four-team match against a 4A team, a 5A team and a 6A team. The Tiger golfers placed third in the state last year after a banner season and are looking to improve on that finish this year with almost the entire team back to compete. I know that golf is not really a spectator sport, but the Tigers are the top team around in the state and definitely deserve credit for their hard work and excellent play.

*** The youth baseball and softball seasons are almost here, and if you ride by one of the parks you will see the fields loaded with youngsters as they work toward an April 8 season upfuff. The numbers are down in youth sports all across the nation and the trend has hit here in Elba. However, it looks like the local leagues will include at least 30 teams in the two sports, which isn't really that bad. These kids also deserve the support of all sports fans in Elba, and I urge everyone to make it a point to get out to the parks one night a week during the season to see the kids play. It is fun to watch, and your support will make it even more fun for them to play.

*** In closing....Charles Cole and his wife Barbara made the long drive out to Kansas City last week to watch their son Kellen play in the NAIA national tournament, and even though Faulkner lost the opening round, Coach Cole said he enjoyed the experience and was proud of the way Kellen played. The former New Brockton standout nailed five three-pointers to lead his team in scoring, and has big plans for his next two years as an Eagle. One thing Kellen can be sure of, his parents are proud of his efforts and are his biggest fans.

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Hand Zion Chapel first loss

Elba Tigers ambush Rebels 14-5

The Elba Tigers spotted Zion Chapel an early 3-0 lead and then came roaring back to defeat the previously undefeated Rebels 14-5, last Monday night in Elba.

The win upped Elba's record to 3-1, while Zion Chapel slipped to 3-1 with the loss.

Zion Chapel combined one hit with three free passes to score three runs in the top of the first to grab a quick 3-0 lead, and carried a 3-1 lead into the bottom of third after leaving the bases loaded in their half of the inning.

Elba was down, but determined to battle back, and the Tigers did just that as they plated three runs to take a 4-3 lead. Brandon Petty walked and stole second to ignite the Elba uprising, while Jason Curran followed with an rbi single, and later scored on an rbi double by Marcus Henderson. Ralston Moore drove in Henderson with a sharp single to left, and after three innings the Tigers were on top of their county rivals 4-3.

Brandon Arnold delivered a two-run single in the fourth as the Rebels regained the lead at 5-4, and that was the way the

scoreboard read until the bottom of the fifth, when Marcus Henderson walked and later scored on an rbi single by Rick Smith to pull Elba back even at 5-5.

The score was tied at 5-5 heading into the bottom of the sixth, when Elba's bats came to life and the Tigers combined six hits with three passes to plate nine runs and take a big 14-5 lead. Brandon Petty and Kyle English singled to open the sixth for the Tigers, while a walk to Jason Curran loaded the bases with no outs. Back-to-back base hits by Marcus Henderson and Ralston Moore knocked in three runs to put the Tigers on top 8-5, while Petty and English later added their second hits of the inning to help the Tigers blow the game open en route to the big 14-5 win.

Brandon Petty got 3 hits, scored 3 runs and collected 2 rbi's to lead Elba at the plate, while Kyle English. Marcus Henderson, Ralston Moore and Rick Smith all added 2 hits. Brandon Petty got the win in relief as he pitched 3 innings and allowed no runs on 1 hit, while recording 5 strikeouts.

Petty James Purple Cats

Elba rolls past Arton 9-1

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead early and then slowly pulled away to defeat the Arton Purple Cats 9-1, Thursday afternoon in Elba.

Arton bunched three hits together in the top of the first to take a quick 1-0 lead. However, Elba was also ready to swing its bats and scored two runs in the bottom of the inning to grab the lead for good at 2-1. Kyle English reached on a fielder's choice after a Brandon Petty single to give the Tigers a base runner with one out, and English later moved around to third after an Arton error off the bat at Marcus Henderson. Both runners scored on another Brandon Petty, as the Tigers pulled on top 3-1 and cruised in with the win.

Brandon Petty got 3 hits and knocked in 2 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Kyle English added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and collected 2 rbi's. Zai Curran and Matthew Curran both added 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Brandon Petty got the win on the mound as he pitched seven innings and allowed only one run on six hits with seven strikeouts.

Late rally lifts Elba

Tigers outlast Samson 12-10

The Elba Tigers fell behind 6-0 after two innings and then came storming back to claim a wild 12-10 win over the Samson Tigers, Friday night in Samson.

Elba had only two hits and no runs on their side of the ledger after two innings, but the same couldn't be said for Samson, which combined five hits with four Elba errors to jump out to a quick 6-0 lead.

An rbi double by Jason Curran knocked in Brandon Petty as the Tigers got on the scoreboard in the top of the third. However, Elba could do little else at the plate and still trailed 7-1 heading into the top of the fifth.

The Tigers' bats finally showed signs of life in the fifth as Elba punched out five hits and scored four runs to cut the Samson lead to 7-5. A lead off single by Matthew Curran ignited the Elba rally, while Brandon Petty followed with an rbi triple and Kyle English then delivered an rbi double.

Marcus Henderson ripped a one-out single to knock in English, and Henderson later scored on an rbi single by Ralston Moore as the Tigers came to life!

Samson scored two runs in the bottom of the fifth to extend its lead to 9-5, but Elba was far from being finished, and plated five more runs in its half of the sixth to take its first lead of the game at 10-9. Walks to Richard

In four-team match

Elba golfers grab big win

The Elba Tiger golf team traveled to Ft. Rucker last Wednesday afternoon and claimed first place in a four-team match. The Tigers fired a 314 to take top honors, followed by Enterprise 338, Daleville 340

and Charles Henderson 371. Elba's Colby Capps took medalist honors with a 75, followed by Daleville's Matt Stringfellow and Elba's Ben Dye, each with a 78.



Elba JV pitcher Garrett Bowers looks toward dugout in recent junior varsity action. The JV Tigers claimed wins last week over Arton and Samson to even their record at 2-2 on the season.

JV Tigers defeat Arton and Samson to even record at 2-2

The Elba Tiger junior varsity baseball team hit the field for three games last week and claimed two wins to even their record at 2-2 on the young season.

"We began our season about the time most of the other JV teams were closing out their seasons," stated Elba's Coach Wynn Grimes, "and that lack of game experience and your youthfulness really showed. I think the big loss to Zion Chapel early in the week embarrassed our kids, and they played like a team determined to win against both Arton and Samson. I am proud of the players for hanging in and doing what it took to get better, and know the JV program will pay big dividends in years to come."

Following are highlights of last week's action:

Z.C. 11 ELBA 1
The Elba JV Tigers saw their record slip to 0-2 on Monday afternoon with an 11-1 loss to the Zion Chapel Rebels. Elba slipped out of a bases-loaded jam in the top of the first, but the Rebels bounced right back in the second and this time combined five hits with two walks to plate seven runs and grab a 7-0 lead. A two-run triple by Abe Childs sparked the Zion Chapel rally, while Josh Smith and Legg also delivered run scoring singles. The Rebels added four runs over the next three innings to up its lead to 11-0, but lost its shutout in the bottom of the fifth when Lance Suteley led off with a single and later scored on an rbi single by Drew Parker.

Lance Suteley got 2 hits and scored the only Elba run to lead the Tigers, while Aaron Harelson and Drew Parker both added one hit. Austin Smith got 4 hits and scored 2 runs to lead Zion Chapel, while Josh Smith added 2 hits and scored 2 runs. Abe Childs got the mound win as tossed a two-hitter with seven strikeouts.

ELBA 8 ARITON 4
The Elba JV Tigers got into the win column Thursday afternoon with an exciting 8-4 win over the Arton Purple Cats. The Tigers trailed 1-0 heading into the bottom of the first, but staged an early rally in their half of the frame and plated three runs to grab a 3-1 advantage. Ryan Gibbs and Taylor McGuire both had key hits in the opening inning, while Clark Skinner had an rbi with a long sacrifice fly. Arton scored twice in the top of the second to pull even at 3-3. However, Elba rallied again and this time pushed four runs across the plate to take a big 7-3 lead! A lead off single by Chase Boutwell ignited the Tiger fireworks, while Taylor McGuire added a single and Elba also took advantage four Arton errors. The Elba lead shrunk to 7-4 in the third, but the Tigers added a run in the fourth and held on to claim the 8-4 win.

Taylor McGuire got 2 hits and collected 2 rbi's to lead Elba at the plate, while Ryan Gibbs and Chase Boutwell both added 1 hit, and Aaron Harelson scored 3 runs. Adam Spicer got the mound win for the Tigers as he pitched five innings and allowed 4 runs on 1 hit, while striking out 5 batters.

ELBA 7 SAMSON 4
The Elba JV Tigers evened their record at 2-2 Friday afternoon with a 7-4 win over the Samson Tigers, in Samson. A two-run double by Adam Spicer highlighted a two-run first as the Tigers jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the top of the first, and the Tigers continued their hit hitting in the second as they plated four runs to go ahead 6-0! A lead off walk to Chase Boutwell ignited the four-run second for the Tigers, while Lance Suteley, Aaron Harelson and Clark Skinner all had key hits. Elba's lead grew to 7-0 in the third when Aaron Harelson reached on an error and circled the bases on two throwing errors by the Samson catcher, and the Tigers turned back a late Samson rally to hold on and claim the 7-4 road win.

Aaron Harelson got 2 hits and scored 3 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Clark Skinner, Adam Spicer, Drew Parker and Lance Suteley all added 1 hit, each. Clark Skinner was the winning pitcher as pitched five innings and allowed 4 runs on 5 hits, while striking out seven batters.

Enterprise semi-pro baseball team looking for area players to join team this spring

The Enterprise semi-pro baseball team is in need of players from the area. Anyone is eligible to play on the team, and for more information call Joe Jackson at 347-4275.

SPORTS



Elba JV pitcher Melanie Mularz reaches for a throw as a New Brockton runner crosses the plate. The Lady Tiger JV's will close out their season this week against Luverne.

Elba Lady Tiger JV's fall 15-11

The Elba Lady Tiger Junior Varsity hosted New Brockton last Monday afternoon and dropped a 15-11 decision to see their record slip to 2-2.

New Brockton combined one hit with three walks and two errors to jump out to a quick 5-0 lead in the top of the first, but the Lady Tigers staged an early rally and plated two runs in their half of the first to cut the lead to 5-2. Kristen Barnes opened the inning with a bunt single, while Barnes and Haley Stinson both later scored on a variety of wild pitches and passed balls.

The Lady Gamecocks upped their advantage to 7-2 in the top of the second. However, the Lady Tigers again rallied and scored four runs in the bottom of the frame to pull within 7-6. Two out walks to Kristen Barnes and Kendall Stinson ignited the Elba rally, while the key hit in the inning was a three-run homer by Haleigh Duncan.

New Brockton added seven

Lady Tigers fall to 'Brockton 9-1

The Elba Lady Tigers managed only 3 hits and committed 6 errors last Monday afternoon in a 9-1 loss to the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks, in Elba.

The loss left Elba with an 0-2 record, while New Brockton improved to 6-2 with the win. New Brockton combined one walk with two Elba errors to jump out to a 3-0 lead in the top of the first, then banged out three hits in the third to stretch its lead to 5-0.

The Lady Gamecocks managed only one hit in the fifth inning, but took advantage of three walks and one Elba error to plate three runs, and took

Elba battered by Bobcats 12-2

The Elba Lady Tigers fell behind early and never recovered Thursday afternoon in a 12-2 loss to the Opp Lady Bobcats, in Elba.

The loss dropped Elba's record to 0-3, while Opp improved to 4-2 with the win.

The visiting Lady Bobcats failed to get a hit in the top of the first, but didn't need one, as they took advantage of four walks and five Elba errors to plate nine runs to grab a quick 9-0 lead.

The Lady Tigers took advan-



CHASITY WILLIAMS...of Elba, was honored recently with an award at the LaGrange College winter sports banquet. Williams received the "Coach's Award" for cheerleading. She is the daughter of A.R. and Bessie Williams, of Elba. Pictured above are (l-r) assistant cheerleading coach Betty Fowler, cheerleader coach Tiffany Miller and Chasity Williams.

High School
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DIAMOND NOTES

Baseball

Kinston Bulldogs ease past Brantley 4-2

The Kinston Bulldogs continued their winning ways last Monday afternoon with a 4-2 win over the Brantley Bulldogs, in Brantley. Matthew Wilkerson got 3 hits to lead Kinston at the plate, while Justin Creech and D. Hawthorne both added 2 hits. Patrick Nelson got the win on the mound.

Late homer lifts Kinston past Gamecocks 4-3

Patrick Nelson belted a solo home-run in the bottom of the sixth inning to lift the Kinston Bulldogs to an exciting 4-3 win over the New Brockton Gamecocks, Thursday afternoon in Kinston. Nelson got 3 hits to lead the (5-1) Bulldogs at the plate, while Jeremy Mack had 2 hits to lead the Gamecocks. Ryan Anderson got the mound win for Kinston as he pitched seven innings, allowed four hits and recorded 10 strike-outs. Blake Wood took the loss for New Brockton as he pitched six innings and allowed six hits.

Zion Chapel Rebels bump Brantley 7-2

The Zion Chapel Rebels upped their record to 4-1 Friday afternoon with a 7-2 win over the Brantley Bulldogs, in Elba. Brandon Arnold pitched a two-hitter and collected two hits to spark the Rebels to the win, while Jason Danley added two hits and drove in three runs and Wesley Grant added one hit and three rbi's.

Kinston Bulldogs spank McKenzie 8-1

The Kinston Bulldogs had no problem Friday afternoon in rolling past the McKenzie Tigers 8-1, in Kinston. Cody Sansom allowed two hits and struck out 16 batters to lead the Bulldogs on the mound, while Patrick Nelson got 2 hits, including a home-run, to pace Kinston at the plate. Matthew Wilkerson, Cody Sansom also added two hits, while Tim Whigham belted a home-run.

Softball

Kinston Lady Bulldogs open season with sweep

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs opened their softball season Friday afternoon in grand fashion as they clobered the Florida Lady Wildcats 8-1 and 12-1. Bridgette Marlowe got the pitching win in both games to lead the Lady Bulldogs. Ramei Smith got 2 hits, including a home-run, to lead Kinston in the opener, while Elzabeth Ferris and Haley Kilcrease both added 3 hits. Megan King, Mandy Loupe and Britney Hunko all added 2 hits.



ELBA ALL-STARS...placed third recently at the A.R.P.A. District 8 Boys 12 and Under Basketball Tournament. Pictured above are (kneeling, l-r) Aaron Harelson, Justin Hammonds, John Jared, Don Rhoades, Matthew Gibson, Trey Martin, (standing, l-r) Martin McCormick, Stephen Driggers, Graham Morrow, Chase Boutwell and Jordan Flowers.

Elba All-Stars place third at ARPA basketball tourney

The Elba All-Stars competed recently at the A.R.P.A. District 8 Basketball Tournament, in Opp, and claimed one win in two games to place third in the seven-team event.

The All-Stars opened the tournament with a 32-31 win over Geneva, but then fell in the semifinals to Andalusia 38-29. The All-Stars received the "Sportsmanship Trophy" voted on by the officials and scorekeepers.

Following are highlights of the tournament action:

ELBA 32 GENEVA 31

The Elba All-Stars staged a furious fourth quarter rally to down the Geneva All-Stars 32-31. Elba was in command early and led 8-4 after one quarter of play, only to see Geneva rally and pull on top 18-12 by the end of the half. Elba cut the deficit to 26-24 heading into the final stanza and then staged a late rally to pull out the exciting 32-31 win.

Jordan Flowers scored 14 points and Stephen Driggers added 10 to lead Elba, while Aaron Harelson scored 6 and Trey Martin scored 2.

ANDALUSIA 38 ELBA 29

The Elba All-Stars battled Andalusia on even terms until the closing minutes of the game as they were eliminated 38-29. Elba owned an 8-6 lead after one quarter of action and carried a 14-13 lead in at the half, only to see Andalusia rally and slip ahead 26-24 heading into the final stanza. The Elba All-Stars trailed only 30-29 with less than two minutes left on the clock, but saw Andalusia score the game's final eight points to pull away and claim the win.

Jordan Flowers scored 11 points to lead Elba, while Stephen Driggers and Trey Martin both added 8 points and Justin Hammonds scored 2.

High School
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SCHEDULE

BASEBALL
THURSDAY, MARCH 21
Elba at Opp (JV-V) 5:00

FRIDAY, MARCH 22
Florala at Zion Chapel (DH) 1:00

MONDAY, MARCH 25
New Brockton at Zion Chapel 6:00

TUESDAY, MARCH 26
Zion Chapel at G.W. Long 5:00

THURSDAY, MARCH 28
Kinston at Pike County (DH) 12:00

SOFTBALL
THURSDAY, MARCH 21
Luverne at Elba (JV) 3:30

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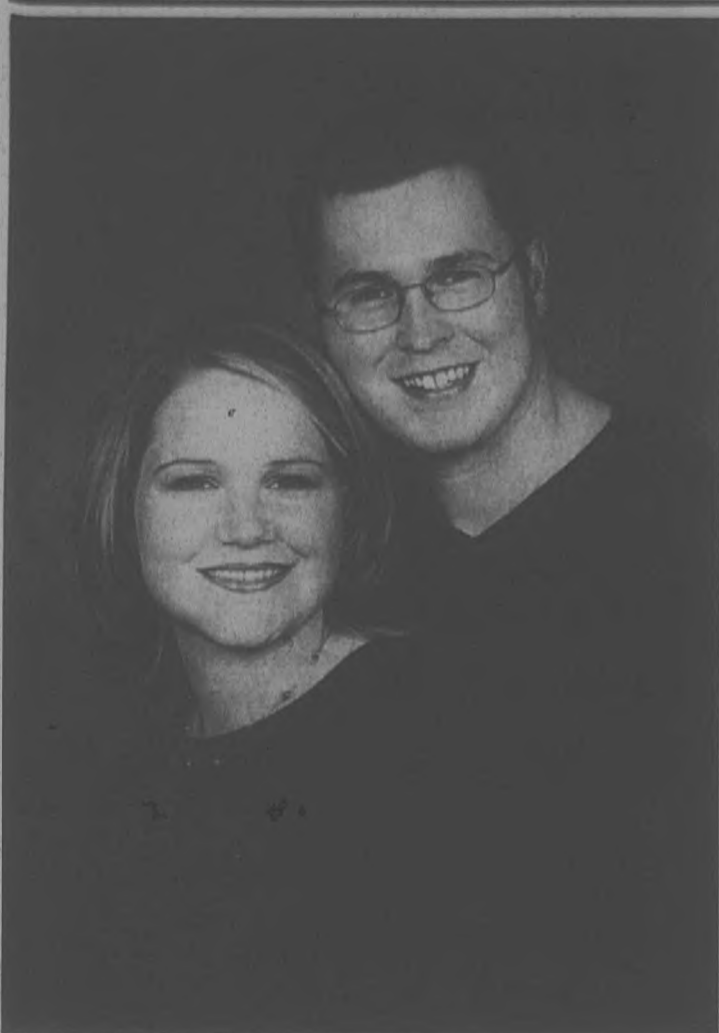
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LIFESTYLES

Pennington-Crowe united in marriage



Miss Lawford and Mr. Strickland

Miss Lawford and Mr. Strickland to wed July 1 in Jamaica

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Lawford of Elba announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Leigh Lawford to Larry Anthony Strickland, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Cain of Midland City.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Lawford of Elba and Sarah Donaldson and the late Buck Donaldson also of Elba.

Miss Lawford is a graduate of Troy State University where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. She is currently employed as a Regional Human Resources Coordinator.

The future bridegroom is the grandson of Florrie Williams and the late Orville Williams of Ozark.

Mr. Strickland is a graduate of Auburn University where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. A wedding reception will be held in Elba upon the couples return.

Emily Carol Crowe and William Frederick Pennington, III were united in marriage on Saturday, March 24, 2001, at 5:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Elba, Ala. Reverend William Martin Gray, Jr. and Dr. Robert Paul performed the candlelight ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Willard Douglas Crowe of Elba and Mr. William Frederick Pennington, Jr. and Mrs. Sybil Mashner, both of Daphne, Ala.

Grandparents of the bride are Mrs. Annie Laurie Wright and the late Mr. Aubrey Lee Wright of Elba and the late Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Constance Crowe of Cartersville, Ga.

Grandparents of the groom are Mrs. Winnie Lee-Pennington and the late Mr. William Frederick Pennington, Sr. of Mobile, Ala., and Reverend Louis J. Powell and the late Mrs. Essie Powell of Pensacola, Fla.

Wicker bells with yellow ribbon adorned the front doors of the church as the wedding guests entered. In the foyer, the registry table held the bride's book, plum pen, and crystal vase with a simple confetti rose. Miss Kiki Wright, cousin of the bride of Dothan, Ala., and Mrs. Melanie Andrade, cousin of the bride of Danville, Calif., presided at the bride's book.

Program attendants were Erin and Maria Pennington, nieces of the groom of Greenville, S.C.

A massive arrangement across the baptistry was the focal point of the sanctuary. It consisted of 18-inch pillar candles and 36-inch tapers with yellow lilies, stargazer lilies, purple larkspur, white daisies, and Queen Anne's lace with confetti roses. Spiral candelabra with Italian tuscan and sprigged ferns placed on white columns also adorned the choir loft.

Pianist Mrs. Ella Kate Ham and organist Mrs. Melanie Roberson, both of Elba, presented the musical prelude. Platos, Miss Ashley Harrelson, also of Elba, accompanied Mrs. Ham in Canon in D.

After the seating of the grandmothers and mothers, soloist Mrs. Melanie Paul sang "In This Very Room." During the lighting of the Unity Candle, she sang "I Will Be Here." Mr. Butch Oggs sang the "Lord's Prayer."

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of silk organza accented with Italian satin. The historic neckline featured a petite roll finish and off the shoulder cap sleeves. The fitted bodice was banded with three circles of Italian satin. The A-line skirt and chapel train were also accented with a band of satin. The chapel-length veil of illusion was edged in a matching satin band and caught to a hand-fashioned headpiece. She carried a stemmed bouquet of yellow roses.

Mrs. Leah Crowe Killingsworth of Dothan, Ala., served her sister as Matron of Honor. Bridesmaids were Miss Laura Crowe and Miss Katie Crowe, Elba, sisters of the bride. Miss Michelle Pennington, Daphne, Ala., sister of the groom; Mrs. Destiny Hudson and Miss Angie Parrish, Elba; Mrs. Jill Martin Wilson, Dothan, Ala.; Mrs. Jody Rodgers, Enterprise; Miss Anna Galt, Prattville; and Miss Mandy Coffield, Andalusia, Ala. Miss Allie Andrade, cousin of the bride of Danville, Calif., and Miss Elizabeth Pennington, niece of the groom of Greenville, S.C., served as flower girls. They wore matching dresses of white organza with satin bands around the skirt and bodice, similar to the style of the bride's gown. They carried pomander balls of mixed flowers matching the bouquets of the bridesmaids.

The bridesmaids wore floor-length gowns of buttercup crepe. The lines of the gowns echoed the bride's gown with satin bands around the bodice

and A-line skirts. They carried nosegays of confetti roses, orange gerbera daisies, blue delphiniums, white daisies, and fuchsia flowers.

The mother of the bride wore a floor-length gown of lavender shantung. The neckline and the bodice of the gown were adorned with beads and pearls. She was escorted to her seat by Mr. Trey Wright, cousin of the bride of Dothan, Ala.

The mother of the groom wore a black tea-length skirt and pink silk blouse, topped with an ivory evening jacket. She was escorted to light the Unity Candle and to her seat by her son, Trey Pennington, of Greenville, S.C. Both mothers wore corsages of confetti roses.

Mr. William Frederick, Sr. of Daphne, Ala., served his son as Best Man. Groomsman were Mr. Trey Pennington, Greenville, S.C., brother of the groom; Mr. Chad Pennington and Mr. Donnie Pennington, both of Concord, N.C., and cousins of the groom; Mr. Lance Lawley and Mr. Ben Lawley, both of Spanish Fort, Ala.; Mr. Canon Ganit, Hudson, Fla.; Mr. Jeff Hauge, Fairhope, Ala.; Mr. Trey Bullock, Montgomery, Ala.; and Mr. Brandon Gann, Ozark, Ala. Mr. Justin Morris, Cartersville, Ga., and cousin of the bride, served as ring bearers and carried a pillow hand-sewn by the mother of the bride.

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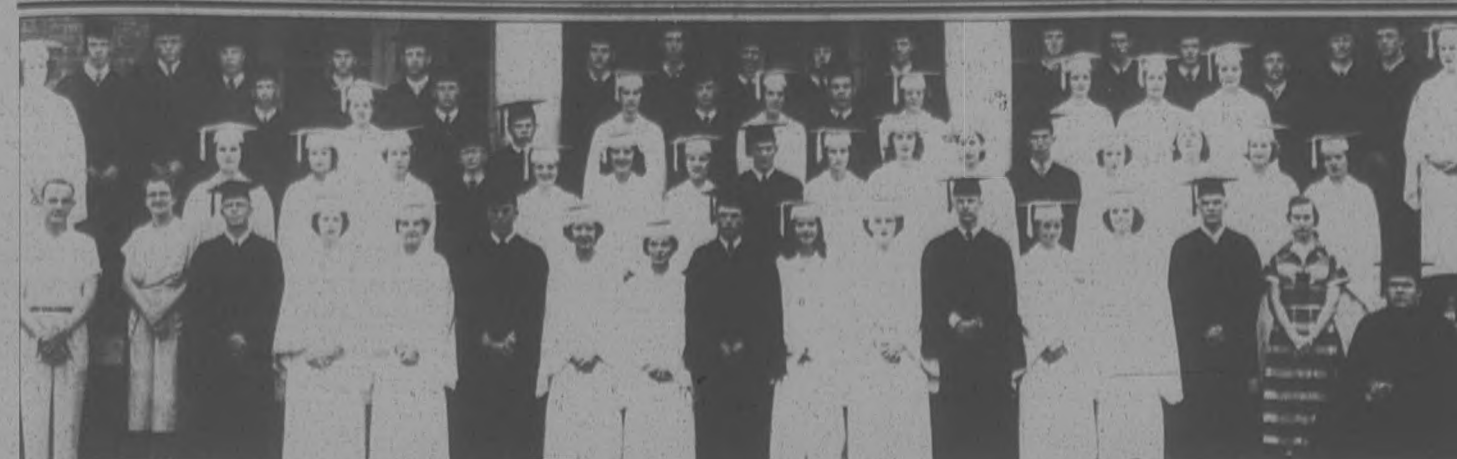
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LIFESTYLES & CHURCH



Elba High School Graduating Class Of 1952 - Left to right, Front row: S.J. Casey*, Principal; Mrs. J.W. (Ola B.) Kendrick*, class sponsor; Floyd Griffin, June Kendrick; Annette Reddock; Kendall Crook; Nina Spinks; Patsy Mullins; Wendell Collier; Eugenia Farmer; Nell Wilson; Jimmy Scott; Corene Hornsby; Janice Cowen; Wesley Parker*; Mrs. W.L. (Carolyn) Brunson, class sponsor; and Martin Bouwell*. Second row: Sara Sanders Farris; Peggy Adkinson; Annette Taylor; Glen Vaughan; Patsy Pickard; Eloise Boswell*; Martha Jean Padgett; Charles Green; Fannie Farris; Fay Clark; Fannie Lou Jacobs; Edward Kelley*; Betty Jo Ham; Doris Tillman; Nadine Hataway Parker; Peggy Hutchinson Third row: Dyles Chandler*; Jeanette Rogers; Cecil Cady; Edward Wilkes; Mildred Boyer*; Gerald Edlins; Betty Coleman; William Prescott; Virginia Davis; Mary Ann Stephens; Martha Jane Drinkard*; Ethel Dawkins; Fourth row: Betty Glen Helms; Donald Hudson; Earl Stone; Paul Parker; Jimmy Gohagan*; Glen Moore; Acie James Lowery; Jerry Brunson*; Carlton Whitman*; Harold Farris; Johnny Farris; Ben Morrow; Earl Daugherty; Wilson Conway*; Mack Moore*; George Johnson; Ted Hudson; Antonette Wicker; Not pictured: Henri Ann Taylor *deceased

Elba High School Class 1952 plans class reunion

The week-end of May 17-19, Red Barn, at the home of Martha Padgett Davis and Dean and Pam Davis Smith on Smith Avenue in Elba. The main event will take place on Saturday night with other activities planned over the week-end. All classmates have been contacted except for Sara Sanders Farris. If anyone knows her address, please contact June Hamm at 897-2517.

Coleman-Kiser united in marriage on December 29th

Dr. Grant G. Coleman of Elba and Miss Katherine A. Kiser of Orlando, Fla., were married on December 29, 2001, in Altamonte Springs, Fla.

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Easter Egg Hunt to be held at Basin Baptist Church

The Ladies' Care Team of Basin Baptist Church will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30, from 2-3:00 p.m. at the church.

Destinations will be provided for various age groups, 0-3, 4-7, 8-11. A special guest will share the Easter story. Snacks will be served.

If a ride is needed, please call 897-3828 by Friday, March 30th. Basin Baptist Church is located on Highway 89, about 6 miles south of Elba. Sam Totten is the pastor.

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McIntosh-Brooks wedding planned for Saturday, April 20

Jerri McIntosh and Anthony "A.B." Brooks, both of Florence, will be united in marriage on April 20 in a 2:30 p.m. ceremony at North Wood United Methodist Church, Florence.

Shadajah McIntosh, Dayton, Ohio, is the mother of the bride-to-be.

The Rev. Willie and Ollie Ruth Peterson, Elba, are parents of the prospective groom.

The bride-to-be attends North-west-Shoals Community College. She is employed as a medical receptionist.

A graduate of the University of North Alabama, Florence, the prospective groom is employed as a therapeutic family consultant.



Anthony Brooks & Jerri McIntosh

Cotter-McCrummen to wed Saturday, March 23

Aaron and Sloan Cotter and Travis McCrummen announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their parents Donna Foley Cotter and James W. McCrummen.

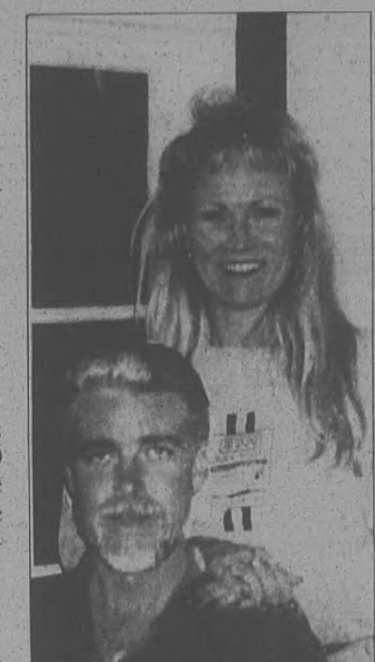
Donna is the daughter of Donald and Betty Foley of the New Hope Community.

James is the son of Jerry McCrummen and Joyce and Bill Roberts of Enterprise. He is employed in Enterprise, Ala.

The wedding will be held at Open Door Baptist Church, Rucker Blvd. Enterprise at 7:00 p.m. on March 23, 2002. The Rev. John McCrummen will be officiating. All friends and relatives are invited.

Rebecca Kidd is chosen team manager of Lady Eagles

Miss Rebecca Kidd, daughter of Ricky and Teresa Kidd, has been chosen as a team manager of the 2002 Lady Eagles Tennis Team at Judson College. Miss Kidd, a sophomore at Judson, is from Jack, Ala.



Jame McCrummen & Donna Foley Cotter

Deadline For Church & Social News Is MONDAY!!

Republican Women of Coffee County to meet in Enterprise March 29th

Republican Women of Coffee County will be meeting at Po Folks Restaurant, 650 Boll Weevil Circle on Friday, March 29th at 11:30 a.m. for their luncheon meeting. Gubernatorial candidate, Bob Riley will be the featured speaker. The menu is a

choice of Grilled Chicken Salad with Bread Stick, or a 15 piece Fried Gold Shrimp with Baked Potato and Cole Slaw and Drink for \$7.00 inclusive. The public is invited. For reservations call Fay McGary at 393-0471.

SAR to meet Thursday, March 21

Chapter President James D. Lee will speak on myths and fables of early American history when members of the Wiregrass

Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, meet at 11:30 a.m. on March 21, 2002 in Po Folks Restaurant in Enterprise

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Wet/Dry referendum proposed to Elba City Council

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

On Monday night the Elba City Council heard plans for a wet-dry referendum in Elba. The announced purpose of the drive to legalize the sale of alcoholic beverages within the city limits is to raise revenue for the financially strapped local school system. The local schools have suffered from declining enrollment following the two major floods that hit the area. Add to

this the continuing increases in the cost of locally funded teacher units (they automatically group every time the state legislature approves a teacher pay raise). Several economic shocks that hit the local economy (lay offs, business closings, recession, etc.) have cut into the amount of local taxes available to the schools. Then with the system already under the constraints, the entire Alabama education system was slapped

with a 6 percent funding proration last year. The combination of the above problems have hurt the local school system badly, and there are more hits to come in the next fiscal year as the enrollment drop will cost the system more state paid teacher units. Local businessman Daniel Stephens addressed the council with the idea and wanted a resolution from the city fathers that if such an election was held

and if the proposal passed, any and all taxes received from the sale of alcoholic beverages would go directly to the school system. Stephens said he and others concerned with the school wanted to be able to honestly tell those signing the petition calling for an election that they were supporting more money for the schools. He added they had looked at a property tax, but even with the most successful drive to increase property tax, no money would get to the schools for two full years.

Stephens is a member of a self-appointed, volunteer group of six and sometimes eight local citizens who have been meeting together for several months researching various methods of increasing local support of the

Elba schools. Even though he is a member of the school board, Stephens said he was not speaking as a school board member and was the only member of the committee who happened to also be directly associated with the schools. The city council tabled the

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Elba BOE members receive positive financial statement

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board on Thursday evening, March 21, heard Superintendent Danny Weeks say he is, "very pleased with the financial statement this month." He went on to predict that recent belt-tightening actions will get the schools through the year in the black and

may even help pay off some of the back debt. Weeks qualified that statement with, "if we can avoid proration again this year." School board members have spent much time discussing various ways to cut expenses and maintain the quality school system that now exists. Their discussions always include questions about upcoming years when expenses continue to rise and state teacher money drops due to lower enrollment.

Weeks said they planned to give pay checks early this week (AEA holiday week) as a reward to the staff for a job well done.

The schools suffered about \$3,600 in storm damage recently, mostly roof shingles torn loose. The damage was insured, but with a \$500 deductible. Board members heard Welding instructor Bruce Sasser explain the workings of his program. He showed photographs of completed projects and urged board members to look over the big truck the department recently got through MacArthur Tech and remodeled. He added that the department is 90 percent self-supporting by selling fish cookers, BBQ grills, small trailers and other welding projects the students build as part of their training. There are presently 38 students in the program.

Weeks reported there is little interest within the staff for a retirement incentive proposal and recommended the board table the idea. Such a plan would pay career teachers who are eligible to retire an extra three to five thousand dollars to go ahead and retire this year rather than next year. The theory was that during a downsizing it is better for that teacher to retire now than to be forced to release a good young teacher, who might have another job by the time the schools were again hiring replacements.

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Childhood Special Education

teacher employed with the Enterprise City Schools since 1996. Before transferring to Enterprise, Sonja worked with the Elba City Schools for 17 years as a Speech Pathologist. Their two daughters are both students.

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Helms and his family are active members of St. Luke United Methodist Church in Enterprise. He has held many leadership positions in their church, and has taught an adult Sunday School for the past 12 years. Helms attended Auburn University, and graduated with honors from Enterprise State Junior College with an associate degree in computer information science. In 1991, he graduated from Class III of Alabama's Ag

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Local youth await visit from the Easter Bunny



As the Easter holiday arrives this weekend, the youth of Elba and Coffee County are eagerly awaiting that yearly visit from the Easter Bunny. As is the case every year, the holiday will be a celebration of fun and faith as both the young and young at heart participate with the many scheduled events. Sunrise service events and easter egg hunts are scheduled throughout the weekend and more details are available on the church page in this edition of the paper. Already, the children of The Young World of Learning in Elba have participated in an Easter Egg Hunt. Now, the children are more excited than ever as they anticipate the Easter Bunny's visit and wonder what goodies he will leave this year. The children and staff of the daycare center are pictured above (seated left to right) - Tristen Tindell, Terrea Hammonds, Matthew Morris, Aaron Norris, Gabriel Williams, Ms. Ronda Robinson, Isaac Watkins, Christen Norris, Brooklyn Norris, Alyssa Horstead, Tanner Herrington, (standing left to right) - Braxton Robinson, Nicholas Johnson, Peyton Wilkerson, Ms. Peggy Carpenter, Talon Flowers, Breannah Adkinson, Madelyn Kelley, Ms. Jean Boggan, Millicent Nolin, Kendall Wilkerson and Chase Nelson.

White running for Alabama Senate's District 31 seat

Greg White of Covington County announced his candidacy this week for the Alabama Senate's District 31 seat, which Covington County, Coffee County and portions of Dale and Houston counties.

White, chairman of the Covington County Commission and a Republican, is seeking the GOP nomination in the June primary election. "I want to see an end to 'business as usual' in Montgomery," White said. "I believe the people of the Wiregrass want a Senate that is pro-family and pro-business."

He said the citizens want their education funds to be spent wisely and apportioned fairly between K-12 and higher education, and they want the problem

of proration to be fixed. "Change is coming in those areas and others," he said. "I want to be a part of these changes, and I want the people of District 31 to benefit."

As a pro-family candidate, White said he will work tirelessly to provide for the needs of all of Alabama's families. Like President Bush, he said he considers himself a compassionate conservative.

"I strongly believe that there are a lot of truly needy kids in Alabama and their needs must be addressed," he said. "But, equally important, these kids must be led to take advantage of the opportunities we can provide for them."

Noting that a solid education is essential in giving young

Alabama the tools for success in life, White said, "I will support our schools with everything in me by working to solve funding problems, to improve accountability to the taxpayers and to fairly compensate the teachers who work hard to serve our kids."

"We have to find a way to end the divisive and unnecessary battles over adequately funding our public-education classrooms. I believe that changing our budget process and setting aside a 'rainy day fund' for our schools will effectively end the looming year-to-year threats of state funding cuts," White said.

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Terry Everett

Everett files papers seeking re-election to Alabama's Second Congressional District

Congressman Terry Everett, R-Enterprise, has filed papers to seek re-election to Alabama's Second Congressional District.

Upon qualifying, Congressman Everett said he would like to keep his key House committee assignments and seniority for the Second District. "I am deeply honored to have served the citizens of Southeast Alabama for the last ten years,"

Everett said. "I have used this time of service to build seniority where it counts most for our district on the House Armed Services, Agriculture and Veterans' Affairs committees. Accordingly, I have worked to protect and enhance local defense and agriculture jobs and stood up for proper health care and benefits for our veterans."

Everett said he wishes to continue to build on his record of service and hard work for the people of the Second District in the next Congress.

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